

September 28, 2012 , Visitors from the Government of India

On September 28, 2012, a delegation from the government of India led by Dr. Inder Jit Singh, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India (25 Indian government officials and 2 officials from the Embassy of India in Japan) visited IMSUT.

List of Visitors:

Dr. Inder Jit Singh (Joint Secretary, Dep. of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India)

25 young scientists from the Government of India



September 6, 2011 Visitors from China Ministry of Health

On September 6, 2012, a delegation from China led by Mr. Wang Liji, Deputy Director General, Dep. of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health visited IMSUT.

List of Visitors:

Mr. Wang Liji (Deputy Director General, Dep. of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health)

Mr. Feng Yong (Director, Div. of Asian and African Affairs, Dep. of International Cooperation, Ministry of Health)

Ms. Wang Bei (Deputy Director, International Exchange and Cooperation Center, Ministry of Health)

Mr. Satoshi Hiruma (Bureau Chief, Japan China Medical Association)



August 23, 2011 Visitors from China Guangxi district

On August 23, 2011, a delegation from China Guangxi district led by Prof. Lianying Ge, Vice-President of Guangxi Tumor Hospital visited IMSUT.

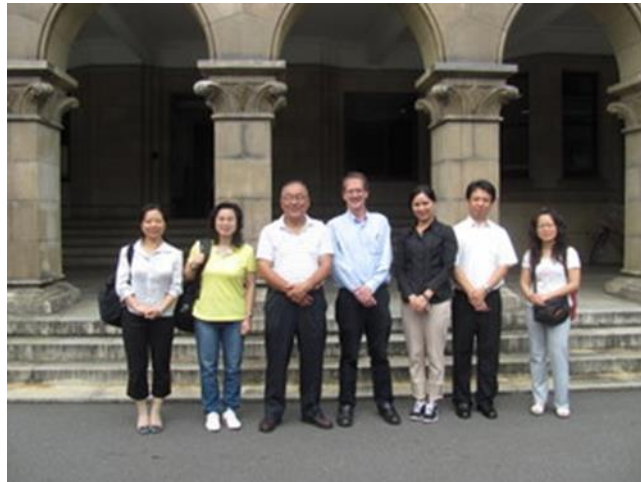
List of Visitors:

Prof. Lianying Ge (Vice-President, Guangxi Tumor Hospital)

Dr. Chi Chen (Director / Chief Physician, Section of AIDS treatment and Planning Inspectorate, Guangxi Department of Public Health)

Dr. Mei Lin (Deputy Director, Guangxi Center for Disease Prevention and Control)

Dr. Yi Chen (Physician, Guangxi Center for Disease Prevention and Control)



October 15, 2010 Visitors from Karolinska Institute

On October 15, 2010, a delegation of eight members led by Dr. Harriet Wallberg-Henriksson, president of Karolinska Institutet, (six from Sweden (Karolinska Institutet), and two from the Embassy of Sweden) visited IMSUT. After an overview of each institute at the dean's office, the delegation exchanged opinions with Dean Motoharu Seiki, and Vice dean Jun-ichiro Inoue. Then, they visited Biobank Japan, the mass spectrometry room, and the supercomputer room.

List of Visitors:

Prof. Harriet Wallberg-Henriksson (President, Karolinska Institute)

Assoc. Prof. Clara Hellner Gumpert (Dean of Doctoral Education, Karolinska Institute)

Prof. Martin Ingvar (Dean of Research, Karolinska Institute)

Prof. Tomas Hökfelt

Assoc. Prof. Fredrik Ullén (Neuroscience)

Mr. Peter Bramberg (Head of Life Sciences, Invest Sweden)

Prof. Anders Karlsson (Science & Technology Counsellor, Sweden Embassy)

Ms. Setsuko Hashimoto (Program Manager, Science & Technology Office, Sweden Embassy)



China Youth Delegation (JENESYS Programme)'s Visit

September 7, 2010

On Sept. 7, IMSUT hosted an afternoon visit by a delegation of 35 young healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, medical university lecturers etc...) from China. This delegation was one of 8 youthful delegations simultaneously visiting Japan under the auspices of the 21st Century Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths Programme (JENESYS Programme). The visitors were all born between 1970 and 1985, and can all be expected to take on positions of higher and higher responsibility as time passes. The delegates' visit to IMSUT was part of a longer (Sept. 6~13) study tour. During their three-hour visit to our institute, they toured the Biobank facilities, and then went to the hospital 8th floor hall where they heard talks by Vice-dean Jun-ichiro Inoue, Hospital Director Kozo Imai, and the head of our Research Center for Asian Infectious Diseases, Prof. Aikichi Iwamoto. Following these talks, a panel of young IMSUT hospital physicians, nurses and one Chinese post doc researcher answered probing questions posed by the visitors regarding patient care, nurse training, research funding, hospital administration etc...

Although the visit lasted altogether over three hours, and communicating through interpreters was sometimes a struggle requiring concentration, there seemed to be a feeling among the visitors that the visit was too short. During the good-byes, they repeatedly expressed their warm wishes to come again, and also for us to visit them in China.



"Singapore Ministry of Health Visit"

June 8, 2010

On Tuesday, June 8, 2010 a delegation from the Singapore Ministry of Health visited our institute as part of a larger fact-finding effort to investigate how other advanced nations promote translational (bench-to-bedside) medical research, how communication is encouraged between basic and clinical researchers, and how funding is apportioned between these sometimes competing arms of medical research.

Mr. Roy Quek, Deputy Secretary in charge of Health Policy, led the delegation. The other six member of this high-ranking delegation included Mr. Anthony Tan, Director of Healthcare Finance and Corporate Services Division, Ho Su Mei, Assistant Director (Finance Policy) of the same, two additional officials of the Ministry of Health, and Jonathan Khong and Eli Lau of MOH Holdings, the holding company of Singapore's healthcare institutions.

Prof. Arinobu Tojo, new Deputy Director of our institute's Research Hospital spoke to them about the kinds of translational research that has been pioneered in the hospital, and gave a short tour of the hospital 7th floor, which houses some patient clean rooms. Following this, Prof. Jun-ichiro Inoue, Vice-Dean of the Institute provided a brief, simplified overview of some of the research conducted in his lab, alluded to how it could provide hints for developing novel anti-cancer drugs, and fielded the delegates' eager questions about communication between basic and clinical researchers within our institute. Our institute's Office of International Relations coordinated the 90-minute visit, and Mr. Quek and the other delegates expressed their appreciation for the professors' time and the insights they were able to provide, and issued a general invitation to visit them when IMSUT personnel go to Singapore.



Visitors from Ecole normale superieure de Lyon

March 8, 2010

On March 8, 2010, Dr. Jan Matas, Director of International Cooperation, from École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France, visited IMSUT.

He met with Dean Motoharu Seiki, Prof. Yamamoto, Prof. Toshiki Watanabe, and Project Prof. Robert Whittier.

List of Visitors:

Dr. Jan Matas (International Relations)

March 2, 2010 2nd Symposium of the IMSUT&RCAS Global COE

2nd Symposium of the IMSUT&RCAS Global COE was held at IMSUT.

The theme of the symposium was “Host and Microbe: New Windows on Homeostasis, New Roads to Intervention”

Program and Poster : [Program and Poster](#)

List of Participants:

National Institutes of Health, USA

Harvard Medical School, USA

Institut Pasteur, FRANCE

Osaka University, JAPAN

Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT)



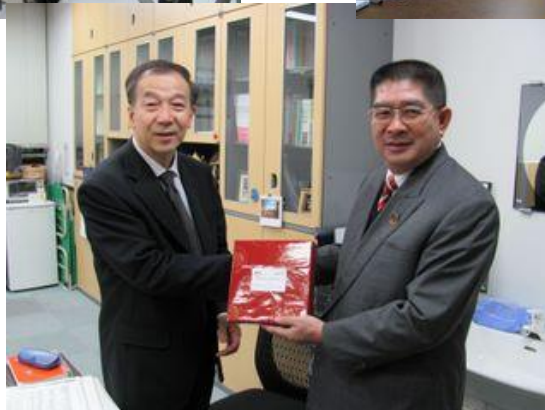
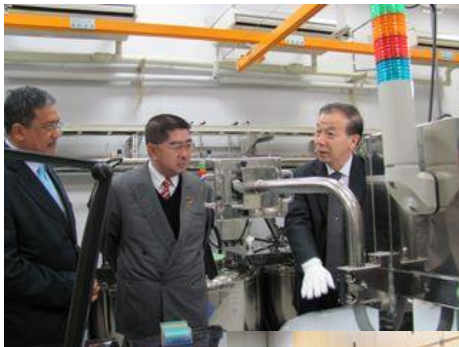
Malaysian Government Minister Visit

December 14, 2009

On Monday, December 14, 2009, a Malaysian delegation led by their country's Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, visited Prof. Yusuke Nakamura, Director of the Human Genome Center at the Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo (IMSUT).

The purpose of the Malaysian delegation's visit was to learn more about the BioBank Japan facility that Prof. Nakamura oversees, which houses patient samples of DNA etc. that are used in research to identify disease predisposition factors, promote our understanding of various cancers, and in general, optimize patient treatment based on genetic and disease variations among patients ("individualized medicine"). BioBank Japan is the biggest resource of its kind in the world.

Accompanying the Minister were Dr. Daud Mohamad, Director General, Nuklear Malaysia, Dr. Muhd Noor Muhd Yunus, Deputy Director General, Nuklear Malaysia, Maria Bernard Sinsoi, Senior Private Secretary to the Minister and Mrs. Rina Hanis, First Secretary, Embassy of Malaysia. The Minister showed particular interest in advances made by medical scientists from the Nakamura laboratory into the etiology of rheumatoid arthritis. During their visit, the delegation seemed delighted to discover that Prof. Nakamura's rather international laboratory includes two current graduate students from Malaysia, not to mention a former student who have already returned and holds a position at a university there. Such international research ties can be expected to continue and deepen.



Autumn Piano Concert at the Research Hospital, IMSUT



November 4, 2009 16:30-17:30

Piano Solo: Kristina Sandulova

On November 4, 2009, Autumn Piano Concert was held at Tomy hall (8th floor of the Research Hospital, IMSUT), inviting Ms. Kristina Sanjlova (pianist living in the Netherlands).

It was a volunteer concert for the hospital patients and their families, and as Kristina is now living in Netherlands (she is from Bulgaria), it was certified as an official event of "Nederland in Japan 2008-2009" Program which commemorated the 400th anniversary of commercial relations between two countries.

Poster: [Poster \(Japanese only\)](#)

Program:

1. Franz Schubert Sonata A-dur
2. Max Reger Bunte Blätter, op.36
3. Frédéric Chopin Mazurka, op.17 Nr.4
4. Frédéric Chopin Sonata B-moll, op.58
(2nd & 3rd movement only)



October 30, 2009 Visitors from Bond University

On October 30, 2009, a four-member delegation led by Dr. Robert Stable, Vice-Chance of Bond University, Australia, visited IMSUT. After meeting with Dr. Hiroshi Kiyono, Dice Dean of the Institute, they visited Prof. Hiromitsu Nakauchi and toured his laboratory.

List of Visitors:

Prof. Robert Stable (Vice-Chancellor, President)

Mr. Brett Walker (General Manager International, Office of Admissions)

Ms. Odette Tuitama-Roberts, Manager International Programs, Office of Admissions

Mr. Kenneth Ho, Australian Embassy



March 18, 2009 Visitors from ENS Lyon

On March 18, 2009, Prof. Jacques Samarut, President of the elite French graduate school École Normale Supérieure de Lyon (ENS Lyon), visited IMSUT one day before the signing ceremony for a cooperation agreement with President Komiyama, the University of Tokyo.

Prof. Samarut's visit to IMSUT was part of a week-long trip to Tokyo to promote academic cooperation between biomedical researchers in ENS Lyon and Tokyo. For Prof. Samarut, IMSUT was familiar ground since he spent 4 months in 1984 carrying out research in the same laboratory as former Dean—but at that time still Associate Professor—Tadashi Yamamoto. During a busy day Prof. Samarut spoke with many faculty members here, presented a seminar on his laboratory's work on thyroid nuclear hormone receptors, and held a strategy meeting, chaired by IMSUT Vice-dean Kiyono, to explore how best to go about establishing and promoting student and faculty exchange programs. In addition to Dr. Samarut and Kiyono, participants in the meeting included ENS Director of International Relations Dr. Jan Matas, Dean Motoharu Seiki, Prof. Shigeaki Kato of the Institute of Cellular and Molecular Biosciences, Prof. Sumio Sugano of the Medical Genome Science program in the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, Prof. Tadashi Yamamoto and members of the IMSUT International Relations Office. Both sides recognized the dedication of the other to academic and scientific excellence, and came out of the meeting with a common commitment and preliminary roadmap for implementing academic and scientific exchange programs between our respective institutions. The evening ended with a dinner at the Chinese restaurant "Fureika" in Azabujuban.



3rd Symposium on emerging and reemerging infectious diseases

February 17, 2009

On February 3, 2009, 3rd Symposium on emerging and reemerging infectious diseases was held at IMSUT.

List of Participants:

The Hebrew University, ISRAEL

Institut Pasteur, FRANCE

University of Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Yale University School of Medicine, USA

University of Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS

International Medical Center of Japan

Kyoto University

Chiba University

Hokkaido University

University of Tokyo



1st Symposium of the IMSUT&RCAST Global COE

February 10, 2009

On February 10, 2009, “1st Symposium of the IMSUT&RCAST Global COE” was held at IMSUT, under the theme of “Ancient Scourges and Modern Perspectives”.

Poster & Program: [Here](#)

List of Participants:

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, USA

The Scripps Research Institute, USA

The Brain Institute and Det. of Pediatrics, University of Utah, USA

Centre National de Genotypage, France

Institute of Medical Science, the University of Tokyo (IMSUT)



February 3, 2009 Visitors from Germany

On the afternoon of February 3, 2009, IMSUT received 7 visitors from Germany and German Embassy led by the Parliamentary State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry of Health, Ms. Marion Caspers-Merk. Hers is the second highest position within the ministry. Although the main purpose of the visit was to meet with Professor Yusuke Nakamura to learn about his pioneering work in both personalized medicine and peptide vaccination as a cancer treatment, Vice-Dean Kiyono met the visitors in our Medical Science Museum, and provided them with a brief overview of our institute with respect both to our current research organization and our historical ties with Germany. The visitors were very fascinated by these ties and the exhibited letter from Dr. Paul Ehrlich to Kitasato Shibasaburo. As it turns out, the Robert Koch Institute is a mere 300 meters from the State Secretary's office, and falls under her ministry's jurisdiction.

Amidst mild weather, we walked from the museum to Prof. Nakamura's lab, pausing to view and explain the animal memorial (doubutsu ireihi) for its very Japanese spirit. At the presentation by Prof. Nakamura, Ms. Caspers-Merk listened attentively and asked many probing questions. During the ensuing discussion, she also asked to what extent Prof. Nakamura interacts with German scientists, and indicated her interest in seeing such interactions initiated or strengthened. For his part, Prof. Nakamura indicated that he was quite aware of German scientists in his field, and would be very happy to interact with them. The visit culminated with a tour of his lab facilities on the 6th and 7th floors of the General Research Building, as well as BioBank Japan, located in the basement of Clinical Research Building A. The German delegation then departed, expressing satisfaction with their visit, and the hope that interactions will expand.



The 12th IMSUT gathering for foreign researchers and students



The 12th IMSUT gathering for foreign researchers and students was held on 17th December 2008 for the first time in 4 years. 42 foreigners from 16 different countries and 15 faculty members and staff, altogether 57 people attended the party.

It was a 2-hour Italian Buffet style party. Starting with an opening address by Prof. Kiyono (the Head of International Exchange Committee) and an address and toast by Prof. Seiki (the Dean), the party got underway. Mid way through all foreigners gave brief self-introductions. The party this time was well attended compared with the past and was very rewarding. In the normal course of daily life, foreigners of different laboratories have little chance to meet and get to know each other; therefore many were delighted with this rare opportunity.

Two hours passed quickly and the party closed with a closing address by a representative of foreign attendees, Ismael Gritli (Sweden), and group photos were taken of all participants. It was the first time to ask a foreign student instead of a faculty member to give a closing address and this worked out very well. Ismael made a creative speech with toasts in different languages and fostered a strong sense of unity. There were also many foreigners who exchanged their e-mail addresses, reluctant to leave. We received the strong feeling that this party contributed to construction of a network among foreigners in our institute.



June 24, 2008 Visitors from Sookmyung Women's University, Korea

On June 24, 2008, Division of Systems Biomedical Technology received the student visitors from Sookmyung Women's University, Collage of Pharmacy, in Korea.

The group visited Division of Systems Biomedical Technology and interviewed students and Project Associate Prof. Noriko Goto.



May 13, 2008 Visitors from France

On May 3, 2008, Professor Fabien Calvo from the French National Cancer Institute, Professor Stephane Roy from the National Institute for health and medical research, and Dr. Yves Miaux from the French Embassy in Japan visited IMSUT.

List of Visitors:

Prof. Fabien Calvo (The French National Cancer Institute)

Prof. Stephane Roy (The French National Institute for health and medical research)

Dr. Yves Miaux (French Embassy, Section of Science and Technology)

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## **April 23, 2009 Visitors from the Republic of Slovenia**

On April 23, 2008, a total of seven persons, three from Slovenia and four from related organizations, visited IMSUT. After meeting with Prof. Motoharu Seiki, Dean of IMSUT, and Prof. Naohide Yamashita, Director of IMSUT hospital, the group toured the hospital guided by Prof. Yamashita. After that, Prof. Yusuke Nakamura and Prof. Hiromitsu Nakauchi explained their research activities.

List of Visitors:

Partner of the Prime Minister, Republic of Slovenia

Undersecretary on the Protocol

Inspector, Security of the Prime Minister etc...

## **Visitors from Guangzhou-City and Sun Yat-Sen University**

On December 17,2015, IMSUT welcomed a delegation of high level officials from Guangzhou-City, accompanied by Prof. Huanliang Liu and other researchers from Sun Yat-Sen University.

IMSUT and Sun Yat-Sen University have conducted collaborative research in science and technology fields such as infectious diseases and cancer for more than 10 years. Further, an agreement on academic exchange between the University of Tokyo and Sun Yat-Sen University was made in 2011, and since then, we have been fostering the relationships more enthusiastically. On this occasion, the delegation from Guangzhou-City where Sun Yat-Sen University is located visited IMSUT to aim to develop a further expansion of cooperative ties between Japan and China through collaborative research in science and technology fields.

On that day, they received a warm welcome from Professor Yoshinori Murakami (Dean of IMSUT), Professor Yasushi Kawaguchi (Deputy Dean of IMSUT and Project Director). They talked about IMSUT history and collaborative research with Sun Yat-Sen University. Also, they made a short tour of Division of Molecular Virology and IMSUT facilities such as the Pathogenic Microbes Repository Unit, Bio Bank Japan, and the Medical Science Museum. They received a brief introduction to the lab, each facility and its mission.

The short visit took only 2 hours, but we received a positive response that it was a fruitful time for them to develop the relationships between us.

We hope this visit will encourage a further expansion of friendly and cooperative ties between Japan and China through collaborative research.



## **Visitors from the Institute of CAS Institute of Microbiology**

On October 27, 2015, IMSUT welcomed Director-General Shuang Jiang Liu and Dr. Juncai Ma from the Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IMCAS).

IMSUT established three collaboration sites in fiscal 2005 in China, two in Beijing and one in Harbin, and conducted China-Japan research collaboration, for two 5-year terms (fiscal 2005-2010; 2010-2015), supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. In 2015, IMSUT launched the China-Japan Research Collaboration on Defense against Emerging and Reemerging Infections, a new 5-year J-GRID program of the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED). The Institute of Microbiology, represented by Director-General Shuang Jiang Liu, is our counterpart in China, and belongs to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), a large national institution consisting of more than 100 research institutes all over China.

They received a warm welcome from Professor Yoshinori Murakami (Dean of IMSUT), Professor Keiya Ozawa (IMSUT Hospital Director) and Professor Sumiko Watanabe (Chief, Committee of International Exchange).

There, both parties thanked each other for the great efforts they had devoted to the collaborative research in the past and committed to developing much stronger ties between them in the future.

During their visit, they met with Professor Yasushi Kawaguchi (Deputy Dean of IMSUT and Project Director), Professor Jun-ichiro Inoue (Chief of China-Japan Joint Laboratories in Beijing), Project Professor Mitsue Hayashi (Beijing Project Office) and other IMSUT scientists working in the joint-lab to discuss how future research collaboration should be conducted and promoted.

Also, they made a short tour of IMSUT facilities such as the Pathogenic Microbes Repository Unit, the supercomputer room and Bio Bank Japan. They received a brief introduction to each facility and its mission, and asked about the facilities with great interest.

We hope this visit will encourage a further expansion of friendly and cooperative ties between Japan and China through collaborative research.





## "Visit of Malaysia Youth Delegation (Sakura Science Plan)"

From September 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, IMSUT welcomed a delegation of 4 young and promising Malaysian researchers, accompanied by an officer of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia. Their trip to Japan was funded through the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)'s "Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (Sakura Science Plan)", which aims to increase opportunities for young Asian researchers to travel to and learn about Japan, and foster good international relationships in the science field. The researchers were two graduate students from the University of Malaya, one Senior Lecturer from the Universiti Putra Malaysia, and one professor from the Universiti Sains Malaysia.

First, they visited the Medical Science Museum and heard a brief history of the institute from the head of the museum, Prof. Toshio Kitamura. Second, they went to BioBank Japan, and received a brief introduction to the facility and its rules from Prof. Koichi Matsuda. There, they visited the Serum Bank and the Tissue Bank. At the Medical Proteomics Laboratory, Associate Prof. Masaaki Oyama explained the facility's mission, and showed them the mass spectrometer. Finally, they visited the supercomputer room, which was explained by Senior Assistant Prof. Rui Yamaguchi.

After they had given presentations on their research the next morning, they attended training over two days in the Laboratory of DNA Information Analysis, the Division of Infectious Genetics, the Division of Molecular Therapy, and the Department of Public Policy. They were very active, raising a wide range of questions and discussing the issues.

Also, they visited the Kazusa DNA Research Institute and the Green Earth Institute in Kazusa Academia Park, a space for world-leading intellectual work in Chiba Prefecture. Here, too, they were able to experience advanced technologies and facilities.

IMSUT will continue to promote international exchange and looks forward to a further expansion of friendly and cooperative ties between Japan and Malaysia.



## Visitors from the University of Lyon, France

May 14, 2015

List of Visitors:

Prof. Renaud Mahieux

(Director of the Biology Department, ENS Lyon)

Prof. Dominique Baas (Director of the master's program  
Biosciences, ENS Lyon, CGPhiMC - Center for Molecular and  
Cellular Genetics and Physiology, Université Claude Bernard Lyon1)

Prof. Caroline Moyret-Lalle (Assistant Professor, Director of  
Oncology master's program, Université Claude Bernard Lyon1)

Prof. Philippe Clézardin

(Director of Laboratory INSERM UMR 1033, LabEx DEVweCAN)

On May 14, 2015, Visitors from the University of Lyon, France visited IMSUT.



## Visitors from the University of Newcastle, Australia

April 10, 2015

On April 10, 2015, a total of 11 people from the University of Newcastle, Australia, including lecturers, university students, and administrative staff, visited IMSUT.

The group toured the Medical Science Museum, followed by a lecture by Professor Kaori Muto. The group visited Biobank Japan, where Prof. Matsuda explained about the state-of-the-art facilities, followed by a Q&A session.



## **Nobel Laureate Dr. Richard Roberts Delivers Special Lecture**

March 25, 2015

The Institute of Medical Science (IMSUT) held a special lecture on March 2, 2015, inviting Dr. Richard Roberts, recipient of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. This special lecture was timed with Dr. Roberts' visit to Japan, as he attended the Nobel Prize Dialogue Tokyo 2015, the first Nobel Prize Dialogue held outside Sweden (The Nobel Prize Dialogue, which has been held annually since 2012 in Sweden, is a symposium open to the public that is held during the period of the Nobel Prize Awards Ceremonies). In addition to the special lecture, a round-table discussion session, which invited students, was held as part of the Nobel Prize Inspiration Initiative by the Nobel Foundation (Nobel Media AB).

In the special lecture titled "Bacterial Methylomes," Dr. Roberts introduced the results of his latest research on bacterial DNA methyltransferase. Currently, he is working on a comprehensive analysis of both the recognition sequence of DNA methyltransferase and the methylation status of the bacterial genome with the use of single molecule, real-time sequencing technology (SMRT) developed by Pacific Bioscience. Dr. Roberts made a presentation of his latest findings that these analyses would lead to the identification of new recognition sequences by DNA methyltransferase and the clarification of their biological functions. After the lecture, the round-table discussion was held, which featured participation from faculty members, postdocs and graduate students of IMSUT and the Department of Medical Genome Sciences at the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, as well as graduate students from Sophia University in Tokyo. The session provided a very good opportunity for participant students to ask the Nobel laureate questions at a close distance. Dr. Roberts talked not only about his research but also about various topics, including his childhood when he came to have interest in science, his visions as a researcher and career advice for graduate students after graduation. The special lecture was attended by 115 faculty members, postdocs and graduate students mainly from the University of Tokyo. After the lecture, a reception was held at Tommy Hall to facilitate interaction among participants.





Dr. Richard Roberts



Dr. Richard Roberts and audience during the special lecture



Round-table discussion

## **China Youth Delegation (Sakura Science Plan)’s Visit**

On Tuesday afternoon, December 2, IMSUT welcomed a delegation of young and promising Chinese researchers, healthcare professionals, students, and members from the Japan China Medical Association. The group consisted of 31 persons was invited by the Japan China Medical Association under the Japan Science and Technology Agency’s (JST), “Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (Sakura Science Plan)”, and the visit to IMSUT was the first part of a week-long study program in Japan.

They first visited the Medical Science Museum and were briefed on a history of the institute by the Head of the Museum, Professor Toshio Kitamura. After that, they moved to a conference room on the 8th floor of the hospital and received introductions of IMSUT, hospital, and programs that are implemented at the Research Center for Asian Infectious Diseases by Professor Hiroshi Kiyono (Dean of IMSUT), Professor Keiya Ozawa (Hospital Director), and Professor Aikichi Iwamoto (Head of Research Center for Asian Infectious Diseases) respectively. The delegation was very active raising wide-ranging questions which led to exchanging views and experiences among all participants. Lastly, they visited the BioBank Japan where they received a brief introduction of the facility and its projects by Associate Professor Koichi Matsuda.

Although the visit took only two hours, the feedback obtained by both Japanese and Chinese was positive that they all appreciate the opportunity given to interact with each other. IMSUT will continue to promote international exchange and expect a further expansion of friendly and cooperative ties between Japan and China.





## **Shirokanedai Campus - Get to know it, and get to know each other!**

On Friday, October 31, IMSUT hosted an event “Shirokanedai Campus - Get to know it, and get to know each other!” which was selected at the first International Event Planning Contest of the University of Tokyo. This event was designed to provide an opportunity for both the institute's international and Japanese students/researchers as well as foreign students/researchers who reside in the International Lodge Shirokanedai to get to know more about IMSUT and each other. The 56 participants consisted of 16 Japanese and 25 international students, 6 foreign researchers, and 9 faculty and staff members that include 6 students and one supervisor from the International Lodge Shirokanedai. At the first part of the event, “Get to Know It!”, which was held at the Medical Science Museum, a graduate student representative introduced IMSUT’s 122 years old history using some images from the time of Institute of Infectious Diseases. They also explored the exhibit space and gained a further understanding of IMSUT of that time. This was followed by the second part of the event, “Get to Know Each Other!” where participants focused on building network ties among all participants. They were divided into groups based up of their affiliated laboratory, program, and the residence - in groups that were not similar to their own programs. Group members made self-introductions and competed in inter-group games. Because many of the games were quizzes related to the University of Tokyo and IMSUT, participants were able to enhance their understanding of and attachment to the university and the institute. Although many of the participants had never met before this event, they worked together as a team during the game, and the venue was filled with pleasant conversation and constant cheerful laughter. After the event, IMSUT staff regarded the participants greeting and talking to each other in the Shirokanedai campus and realized that “Get to Know Each Other!” really opened up the exchange on the campus. Because this event was held under University’s international event, they were able to go beyond the scope of an internal event and invite the residents of International Lodge Shirokanedai. If we are acquainted with each other, it will become possible to help out each other immediately in a time of emergency, such as earthquake. It would also allow the residents in the International Lodge Shirokanedai to become more attached to IMSUT and feel safer in the community. IMSUT will maintain and expand the network and trust relationship built with the residents in the International Lodge Shirokanedai.



## Visitors from Institut Pasteur

September 5, 2014

On September 5, 2014, a four-member delegation led by Pr. Christian Brechot, President of the Institut Pasteur, visited IMSUT.

List of Visitors:

Pr. Christian Brechot, President

Dr. Marc Jouan, Director, International Division

Mr. Paul Brey, Institut Pasteur International Network, Asia-Pacific Region, Regional Advisor

Mr. Cédric Guillerme, Attaché for Science and Technology at French Embassy in Tokyo



## IMSUT-Soonchunhyang University (SCHU) Academic Exchange Agreement Signing Ceremony

September 26, 2013

On September 26th 2013, the signing ceremony of the academic exchange agreement between IMSUT and SCHU was held in the IMSUT Dean's Office.

It was agreed that we would promote exchanges of young researchers and faculty members between the two institutes, research collaborations and joint symposia with this agreement marking the start.

After the signing ceremony, Dr. Kyo-il Suh (President of SCHU) and other SCHU members visited IMSUT facilities, such as the FACS Core Laboratory, the Stem Cell Bank, IMSUT Hospital and the Cell Resource Center.



Dr. Kyo-il Suh (President of SCHU) and  
Dr. Hiroshi Kiyono (Dean of IMSUT)



《Back row, from the left》 Dr. Jin-Ri Kim (SCHU), Dr. Arinobu Tojo (Vice-Director, IMSUT Hospital), Dr. Makoto Otsu (IMSUT), Dr. Kuk Won Kim (SCHU), Dr. Jeongbin Yim (Chair Professor, SCHU), Dr. Kozo Imai (Director, IMSUT Hospital), Dr. Kensuke Miyake (Vice-Dean, IMSUT), Dr. Sumiko Watanabe (IMSUT), Dr. Nobukazu Watanabe (IMSUT), Ms. Kikue Konno (General Manager, IMSUT Administration Office)

《Front row, from the left》 Dr. Seung Woo Kim (Vice-President, SCHU), Dr. Kyo-il Suh (President, SCHU), Dr. Hiroshi Kiyono (Dean, IMSUT), Dr. Yoshinori Murakami (Vice-Dean, IMSUT)



《Back row, from the left》 Mr. Masamitsu Oikawa (Administrative Office, IMSUT), Dr. Arinobu Tojo (Vice-Director, IMSUT Hospital), Dr. Kozo Imai (Director, IMSUT Hospital), Dr. Kensuke Miyake (Vice-Dean, IMSUT), Dr. Jin-Ri Kim (SCHU), Dr. Makoto Otsu (IMSUT), Dr. Sumiko Watanabe (IMSUT), Ms. Kikue Konno (General Manager, IMSUT Administration Office)

《Front row, from the left》 Dr. Kuk Won Kim (SCHU), Dr. Seung Woo Kim (Vice-President, SCHU), Dr. Kyo-il Suh (President, SCHU), Dr. Hiroshi Kiyono (Dean, IMSUT), Dr. Jeongbin Yim (Chair Professor, SCHU), Dr. Yoshinori Murakami (Vice-Dean, IMSUT)

## Visitors from the Soonchunhyang University

June 17, 2013

List of Visitors:

Institute of Medi-bio Science, Soonchunhyang University

Prof. Jeongbin Yim

International Health Center, Soonchunhyang University Hospital

Dr. Jin-Ri Kim

On June 17, 2013, Prof. Jeongbin Yim and Dr. Jin-Ri Kim from Soonchunhyang University, Korea, visited IMSUT. After a meeting in the dean's office, they visited the MucoRice hydroponic cultivation system, FACS core lab, and iPS research.





## Visitors from the Arabian Gulf University, Kingdom of Bahrain

March 22, 2013

List of Visitors:

Arabian Gulf University President Dr. Khalid A. N. Al Ohaly

Arabian Gulf University Vice President Dr. Khaled S. Tabbara

SBI Pharma CSO Dr. Motoo Nakajima

On March 22, 2013, Dr. Khalid A. N. Al Ohaly, President and Dr. Khaled S. Tabbara, Vice President of Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain, and Mr. Motoo Nakajima of SBI Pharma, visited IMSUT.

After a brief greeting at the Dean's office, the delegation visited the IMSUT Hospital, the DNA Strage, the supercomputer, and the MucoRice hydroponic cultivation system, and then met with Dean Hiroshi Kiyono, Hospital Director Kozo Imai, and Hospital Deputy Director Arinobu Tojo at the Dean's office. We hope that this visit will contribute to mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries.

